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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. ARMS TO ISRAEL: THE JORDAN TIMES HAS EDITORIALY COMMENTED ON PRESIDENT FORD'S DECISION TO SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH SOPHISTICATED NEW MILITARY EQUIPMENT. "THE FULL MEANING AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE MOVE SNAP INTO SHARPER FOCUS. (BECAUSE) PRESIDENT FORD MADE THE DECISION AFTER CONSULTATIONS ONLY WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE WHITE HOUSE, AND WITHOUT THE USUAL DISCUSSION WITH THE STATE OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENTS."

2. THE PAPER ADDED: "WAS PRESIDENT FORD ACTING LIKE PRESIDENT FORD, OR RATHER AS CANDIDATE FORD COMING OFF A DISASTROUS THREE DAYS OF CAMPAIGNING IN THE WEST.?" THE JORDAN TIMES THEN COMMENTS ON THE WASHINGTON POST'S EDITORIAL WHICH IT LABELS AS AN "INTERESTING SIDELIGHT TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT."

3. THE PAPER PRINTS AN EXCERPT OF THE POST'S EDITORIAL AND THEN QUESTION'S THE PAPER'S ATTITUDE: "WHAT'S THIS? THE WASHINGTON POST QUESTIONS PRESIDENT'S FORD DECISION TO GIVE ISRAEL MORE FANCY NEW TOYS WITH WHICH TO BEAT UP THE ARABS? "WE HOPE," THE PAPER CONCLUDES, "THIS QUESTIONING ATTITUDE IS PICKED UP BY THE NEW CONGRESS AND THAT IT IS NOTED BY THE THOUSANDS OF OTHER ORGANS OF HE AMERICAN AND WESTERN NEWS MEDIA. IT MAY COME AS A SUPRISE TO MANY THAT THE WASHINGTON POST HAS OPENLY QUESTIONED ISRAEL'S

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NEED FOR THESE WEAPONS, AND SURVIVED TO PUBLISH THE NEXT DAY."

4. BROWN CONTROVERSY: IN ANOTHER EDITORIAL THURSDAY THE PAPER PRAISES GENERAL GEORGE BROWN AND SAYS "THERE ARE ONLY TWO THINGS TO DECIDE ABOUT GENERAL BROWN'S STATEMENTS: ARE THEY TRUE AND ACCURATE, AND IF SO, IS IT APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO SAY THEM IN PUBLIC?" AFTER A LENGTHY PRAISE OF THE "HONESTY AND BRAVERY" OF GEN. BROWN THE PAPER CONCLUDES BY SAYING: "WILL ANYBODY IN AMERICA STAND UP AFTER THE DUST CLEARS AND ASK ONCE AGAIN, PERHAPS BEHIND THE CLOSED DOORS OF A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, WHETHER ISRAEL IS, IN FACT, A MILITARY BURDEN TO THE UNITED STATES?"

5. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: THE TIMES FRIDAY COMMENTED ON THE SAME SUBJECT BY SAYING: "THE MANNER IN WHICH BOTH PRESIDENT FORD AND MR. JIMMY CARTER HAVE RESPONDED IS INDICATIVE OF A GREAT, MEANINGLESS VOID AT THE CORE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE. ... WE ARE NOT SUPRISED AT THE MANNER IN WHICH CARTER HAS COME OUT WITH HIS GUNS BLAZING BUT WE ARE SUPRISED AT THE MANNER IN WHICH PRESIDENT FORD HAS SUCCEMBED TO CARTER'S ATTACKS." AFTER DISCUSSING THE INFLUENCE OF ZIONISM ON AMERICAN LIFE, THE JORDAN TIMES CONCLUDED: "IF ANYBODY IS INTERESTED IN THE QUESTION OF FREEDOM A GOOD PLACE TO START WOULD BE TO INVESTIGATE HTW FREE ARE THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO SAY OR DO ANYTHING THAT MAYBE CONSIDERED TO BE AGAINST THE WISTEE OF THE ISRAELIS. THIS IS THE PRICE AMERICA PAYS FOR ALLOWING ITSELF TO BE THE INSTRUMENT OF ZIONISM."

6. NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS: SATURDAY THE JORDAN TIMES EDITORIAL Y PRAISES THE AMERICAN NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS. "...THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE NOTED AS AN HONEST AN IREFITEBLE COMMENTARY ON THE STRAIN OF POSITIVENES AND GOODNESS THAT CONSISTENTLY RUNS THROUGH THE EXTRAORDINARY SOCIETY THAT IS THE UNITED STATES."

7. THE PAPER MAKES THE CORRELATION BETWEEN THIS GREAT ACHIEVEMENT AND DOING THE "STUPIDEST THING POSSIBLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH IS OUR DUTY TO POINT OUT TO AMERICANS THE FRAILTY, IDITCH AND FALSEHOOD OF THEIR GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES.....THE ROCKEFELLER'S AND THE FORD'S ALL HAVE TO ANSWER FOR SOME OF HISTORY'S MOST MANIACAL EXAMP UNCLASSIFIED

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